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Forestry . . .

American Enka is a devout believer in protecting and maintaining the beautiful outdoors.
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Our Covers . . . *Front:* Our favorite model Jean Patchett wears a Larry Aldrich dress woven with Enka Rayon and acetate.

This dress is sold at Bonwit Teller, New York; Joseph Horne, Pittsburgh; I. Magnin, California-Seattle; and the Montaldo Shops.

Back: Isaac Norris, Enka Plant Shipping Extension, prepares textile yarn before shipment.

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THIS IS ONE of several trees on the Enka plantation ordered cut by the government because of its infection with oak wilt, a disease attacking many trees throughout the state. The wood is good for lumber if cut within six months of the start of the disease. Left to right: George Lytle, "Happy" Taylor, and Foreman C. P. Brooks.

Enka—A Judicious Forester

WHEN American Enka near the mouth of Hominy Valley in Western North Carolina purchased the site of its first rayon production plant, it became a steward for some of America's most virile and beautiful forestland.

Conscious from the start of this responsibility to lend Nature a hand in preserving her West Carolinian embellishment, the Company over the years steadfastly has supported a program of reforestation, maintenance, and fire control.

Charles P. Brooks heads up the Farms and Forestry Unit which organizationally falls under the Building Section of the Enka Plant Engineering Dept.

Charley continually patrols the 1400-1500 acres of wooded area owned by the Company, assigning his crewmen on jobs to ensure productivity, beauty, and safety.

Besides forestry duties, Charley is responsible for the maintenance of roadways and parkways on Company

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CHARLEY AND HIS CREW look over a 20-acre field on Enka property which they reforested four years ago with 20,000 White Pine seedlings. These will reach pulpwood stage in about 40 years.

property, keeping the Enka Village clean, and keeping creeks and creek banks clear of obstructions.

Too, he checks rotation of crops on the Company's farmlands and is responsible for game protection for the Company.

At this time of the year Charley works closely with the state and federal government in reforestation and fire protection.

Charley, incidentally, is a combination state and federal fire warden, one of only five in North Carolina.

Figures for number of fires and burned area are not available for Hominy Valley but information for

Buncombe County as a whole shows for the five-year period before 1947 the average annual burn was more than 2 per cent.

For the five-year period ending June 30, 1952, the average annual burn has been less than one-fourth of 1 per cent.

These figures recently were released by District 1 headquarters (Asheville) of the North Carolina Division of Forestry, with which Charley Brooks works closely in the Hominy area.

This office, headed by District Forester B. H. Corpening, also reported the likelihood that Hominy

Valley's record matches if not better than that of the County.

Since Enka purchased the Hominy Valley land in 1928, about 300 acres of idle ground best suited for trees and woodland have been reforested with white and yellow pine, poplar, and walnut seedlings.

These were handed over gratis by the State Division of Forestry and Tennessee Valley Authority.

About 650 acres of Enka's forestland have had timber-stand improvement-cuttings under a plan to place the entire forest on a sustained yield basis. Just last year Charley delivered 250,000 feet of timber to the Enka Plant warehouse as a result of improvement-cutting.

Too—since the land was purchased

—less than six acres of forestland have burned. The number of fires occurring on property of adjoining landowners also has been reduced substantially.

Educational work in forest fire control is slow and painstaking. But it's apparent that Enka's desire to care for and develop its forestland is having measurable influence on the rest of the Valley.

The North Carolina Division of Forestry with its county organizations readily admits that alone it never could handle the job of fire control and reforestation.

The Division observes that while the support of industry and landowners of fire control is encouraging,

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THIS IS AN OAK WILT-DISEASED tree which the crew is trimming for later sawing. They will have to burn all the brush around the tree to help stop spread of the disease. Left to right: Ed Ferguson, George Lytle, Charley Brooks, and "Happy" Taylor.





ANYONE BURNING BRUSH within 500 ft. of any woodland in the fall or spring first must obtain a permit, obtainable from any district warden, forest ranger, Forestry Division office, or special county issuing agent.

the final decision of the fight against fires rests with the general public.

The American Forest Products Industries, Inc., in a recent survey, revealed that 3495 fires broke out in North Carolina during 1951. Causes were:

Lightning	29
Railroads	81
Campers	318
Smokers	921
Debris burners	1134
Incendiaries	632
Lumbering	95
Miscellaneous	285

These figures, which show a reduction in Tarheel forest fires from 1950, do not include "controlled burning" fires, used as a silvicultural tool (silviculture: the art of producing and caring for a forest) by

foresters or fires occurring on unprotected lands.

The decrease in fire occurrence last year prevailed across the country. Fire fighters in 1950 battled 208,394 fires; in 1951 they fought 164,085. Acreage burned was held to 10,780,622 acres, one-third less than in 1949 when the previous all-time low in fire losses was recorded.

Charley Brooks, whose crew despite the hazardous nature of its work has gone 18 years without a lost-time accident, says room for improvement still exists and that people—people who use and love the forests—must learn to take that second look when putting out fires.

"A green Hominy Valley," he says, "is a beautiful Hominy Valley."



WHEN A TOWERMAN SPOTS A FIRE, he calls appropriate county forest rangers indicating the position of the outbreak. They immediately whip into action. Paul Holland, now a county forest ranger, makes such a call from the Beaverwallow Fire Tower on the Buncombe—Henderson County line.

CONTROLLING A FIRE means making a fire line at least three feet wide between the fire and the rest of the woodland. In making this line fire fighters cut all brush and rake down to the mineral soil.





Mostly About People and the Way

What's Your Pet

CARL NORTON, Enka Salvage Shop: "Tourists who drive along gaping at the scenery burn me up. Sure, the mountains are pretty, but they could pull off the highway to look and not hold up traffic. Sometimes I get so hot under the collar with them I can't stand it! Then, too, in town tourists invariably get in the wrong lane when they want to turn right or left."



Carl Norton



Mrs. Snipes

that I need a moving van with jet engines. It seems somebody wants me to pick up a keg of nails, some BC, a box of matches, or run other kinds of errands. The truck is just not fast enough to do it all in the time I have, nor big enough to hold all of the loot."

S. B. CROOK, Enka Vacuum Wash: "I can't stand drivers who won't go ahead when a traffic light turns green. I run into it every day in Asheville. Traffic's too slow there anyway. And that's another thing. Drivers who poke along on the highways at 15 or 20 miles an hour are more dangerous than fast drivers. Slow pokes make everybody nervous. Some of them ought to drive in Washington, D. C. or some other big city or metropolitan area where you have to get out and go or be run over."



S. B. Crook



Walter Jones

They Do or Don't Drive!

Peeve and Why?



B. P. Hall



B. P. HALL, Lowland Instrument Shop: "These unpredictable teams that make me lose my football bets really get under my skin. For instance, take the Tennessee—Duke game or the L. S. U.—Kentucky contest. Seems my betting is just a losing proposition."

MRS. MINNIE CALDWELL, Enka Coning: "My pet peeve is men whose pet peeve is women drivers. I think it's just a state of mind—a state of prejudice—on their part and not actually the way it is at all. Women are good drivers!"



Mrs. Caldwell

HURD B. HULL, JR., Lowland Millwright: "The thing that upsets me most—that I have come into contact with recently—is the bickering, fussing, and arguing that some of the players and managers get into at softball games. What we ought to do is just play the game and forget all about the arguing. The games are not going to be won as the result of any debate."



Hurd B. Hull

who's had too much to drink. I've always looked upon women as objects of beauty—worthy of respect and admiration."



Chester Green

MRS. LISA SNODGRASS, Lowland Glass Blowing: "I came to America right after the second World War. For a long time some of the people I talked with seemed to have the idea that I was just as responsible for the war as the Nazis. This upset me a little because we all know there are good and bad people in every country and in every location."



Mrs. Snodgrass

FACTS AND FACES

D.T. Jarrett, Printer of Enka Voice Since '30, Dies After Brief Illness

David T. Jarrett, founder and manager of Jarrett's Press, Inc., the only printer of the Enka Voice since the magazine's start in 1930, died at 3 a. m., Oct. 29, after a month's illness. He was 69.

Mr. Jarrett was a life-long resident of Asheville and prominent in business and church circles of the city. Before founding his own business in 1924, he worked in several Asheville printing plants and rose to manager of two of them.

Besides the Voice, Mr. Jarrett did a great deal of commercial printing for American Enka and, consequently, has many friends in various departments of the Company.

Those of us on the staff of the Enka Voice who knew and loved the distinguished old gentleman always will remember his sense of fair-play . . . his considerateness . . . his devotion to his trade . . . and his love of people.

When deadlines bore down on us and it seemed we could never squeeze the magazine out on time, it was Mr. Jarrett who always smiled, patted us on the shoulder, and said, "We'll make it."

Somehow, that always helped; and somehow we always met our deadline.

And then—after the press had whined to a halt and an issue was born—we'd often linger for a moment with Mr. Jarrett and listen to his yarns of the printing game as it was in the old days.

Too, he'd discuss with us philosophy, religion, politics, and social

progress. In all these controversial subjects he always was able to justify his point—because it was sound—while understanding ours. His mind was young and alert, and he had a rare insight into the hopes and fears and aspirations of young people.

The Voice and its staff has lost a genuine friend and a real pal . . . but the memory of his sheer goodness and understanding . . . will serve us continually as a wellspring of encouragement, inspiration, and hope.

Company Announces Wage, Salary Increases

As the VOICE goes to press, American Enka announces a base-wage increase of six cents an hour for all hourly paid employees at its Lowland plant and a general salary increase for weekly and biweekly employees at both the Lowland and Enka plants.

These raises become effective Monday, Nov. 3.

Although the wage clause in the current contract between Enka and the United Textile Workers of America (AFL) and its Local 2598 does not reopen until Nov. 26, the Company also has voluntarily offered a six-cent-an-hour base-wage increase to hourly paid employees at the Enka Plant.

If the Union accepts the Enka Plant proposal, total cost of all increases will be more than \$600,000 a year.



ATTENDING THE SAFETY RALLY at the Enka Gymnasium Oct. 15 were, left to right: H. F. Brooks, Enka plant protection chief; Capt. C. A. Speed of the Highway Patrol; J. D. Brown, Enka Plant safety director; and R. A. Tomberlin, assistant superintendent of public schools of Buncombe County. (See story below.)

Community Parents, Kids Attend Enka Safety Rally

About 150 Enka community parents and children attended a safety rally Oct. 15 in the Enka Gymnasium.

Designed to stimulate school and traffic safety in the area, the program included a brief talk by R. A. Tomberlin, assistant superintendent of schools of Buncombe County; an address by Capt. C. A. Speed of Troop E, State Highway Patrol; and two films on general school and traffic safety.

Mr. Tomberlin said school officials were extremely interested in such programs and would help in every way possible to keep schools accident-

free.

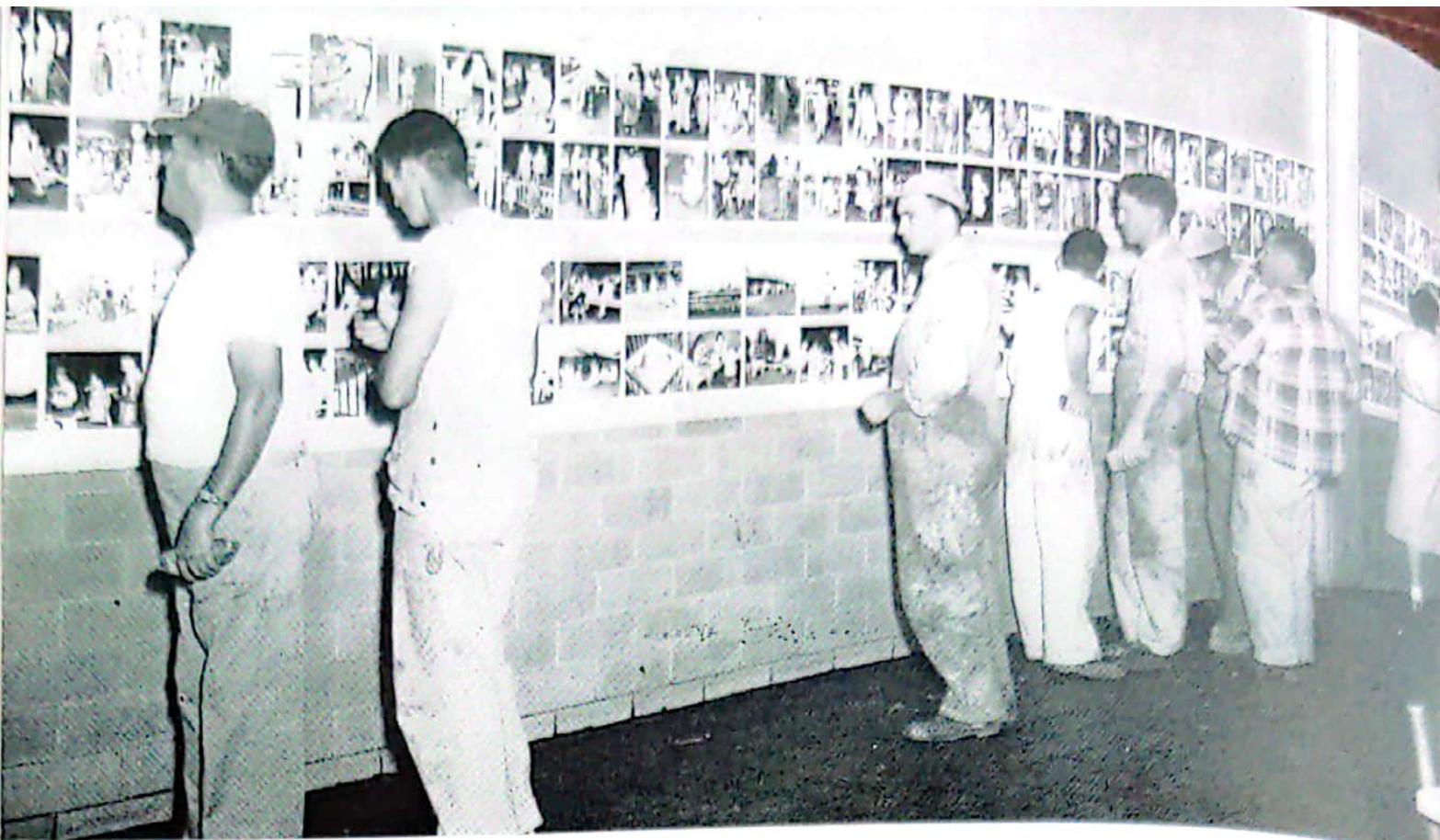
Capt. Speed emphasized the need for further safety education among our teen-agers.

Leo A. Moritz Resigns As Director of Production

Leo A. Moritz, effective Oct. 31, resigned as director of production of American Enka.

Mr. Moritz leaves after 18 years with the Company during which time he has been a time study clerk, head of the Plant Control Dept., assistant to the Enka Plant manager, assistant to the technical vice-president, and director of production.

Mr. Moritz did not reveal his future plans.



PICTURES OF LOWLAND PICNICS this year were posted in the Lowland Cafeteria for all employees to enjoy. More than 200 prints of the photographs were sold to employees at cost.

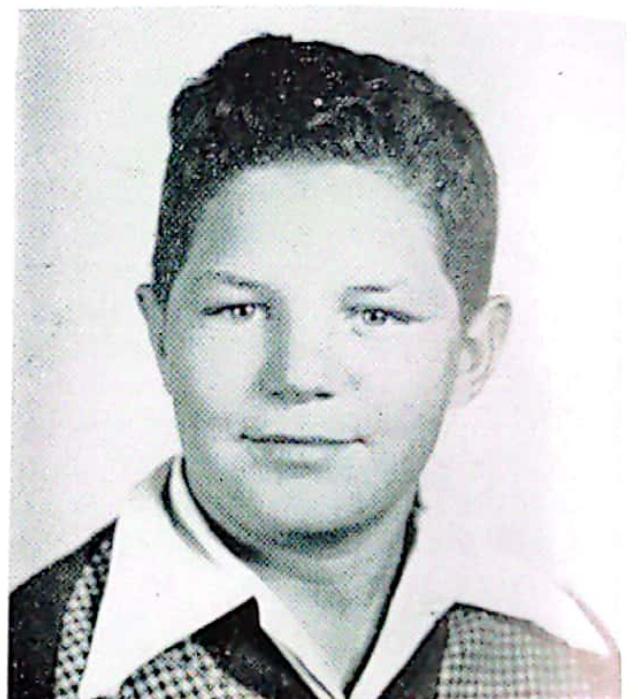
Enka Offers Asheville Emergency Lake Water

As the VOICE goes to press, it was announced that full health approval of water offered to Asheville by American Enka has been given, leaving only the problem of engineering to delay use of the water.

To help augment dwindling water supplies in Asheville, American Enka Oct. 28 offered to supply the city $1\frac{1}{2}$ million gallons of water a day from the Enka Lake. Immediate inspection and tests were ordered.

The Enka supply, according to preliminary plans, could be sent through the Company's filters, through a city chlorinator, and then directly into a 12-inch water main leading to the city system.

TRAGEDY . . . Everett Carter, 17, son of William R. Carter of the Enka Plant Chemical Dept., recently was shot and killed accidentally by a boy friend as they were hunting on a farm adjoining the Carter home near Alexander.



Join the 1953 Christmas Club!

Are you going to be caught financially short at Christmas time this year? If so, you might consider joining



the Enka Credit Union or Lowland Christmas Clubs to prevent a similar dilemma in 1953.

Enka Plant employees wishing to sign up may do so between Nov. 13 and Dec. 15 of this year, Al Prichard, treasurer of ECU, has announced.

Regulations for membership of the 1953 ECU Club are:

1. Employees may join the 1953 Christmas Club from Nov. 13, 1952, through Dec. 15, 1952. All applicants must be members of the Enka Credit Union.
2. Weekly deductions will start with the week ending Jan. 4 and continue for 35 weeks only, the last deduction being made the week ending Aug. 30. Biweekly deductions will begin Jan. 11 and continue for 18 paydays—to Sept. 6, 1953. Payments to Christmas Club members will be made by check on Wed., Nov. 18.
3. Weekly or biweekly deductions will be authorized only if the payments are at least 50 cents. All payments (except delinquents) will be made

by deduction only.

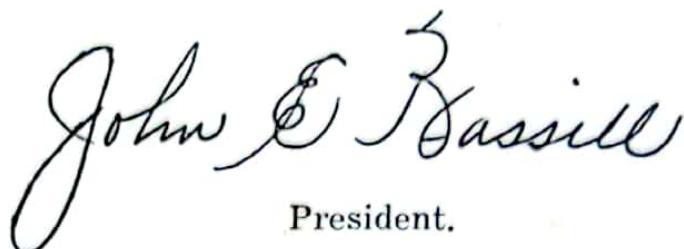
4. No interest will be charged on Christmas Club notes and no interest will be paid by the Credit Union on amounts paid in. However, the management of American Enka Corporation will pay 6 per cent on Christmas Club accounts up to \$50. or a maximum of \$3. interest on each account. **Only the accounts of employees of the Company will receive any interest at all.**
5. Any deductions missed, for any reason, will not be caught up by subsequent deductions. However, a member may within 30 days make payments in person to his or her Christmas Club account in amounts not to exceed four weekly or two biweekly payments. If either of the last two deductions are missed, they may be paid as above not later than Fri., Sept. 11, 1953.
6. Any member may stop the Christmas Club deductions by a written notice two weeks in advance, but such payments as have been credited to the respective accounts will be considered as a completed contract and must remain until the regular rate of payment.
7. Absolutely no withdrawals will be allowed under any circumstances, except upon leaving the service of American Enka Corporation.
8. Christmas Club accounts cannot be used as a collateral for any loans, but they may be held by the Credit Union for the satisfaction of an unpaid balance on a loan if the member leaves American Enka Corporation.

Interim Report of Earnings

Net sales of American Enka Corporation for the first 36 weeks of this year, ended September 7, 1952, were \$41,082,064, compared with \$38,937,107 for the first 36 weeks of 1951. The 1952 sales are the highest for any similar period in the Company's history. Net income amounted to \$4,174,381, or \$3.73 per share, compared with \$4,486,906, or \$4.01 per share, for the corresponding period of 1951.

Net sales for the 12 weeks ended September 7, 1952, were \$15,404,612, compared with \$12,950,563 for the 12 weeks ended September 9, 1951. Net income was \$1,716,399 in the 12 weeks ended September 7, 1952, compared with \$1,452,678 in the same period in 1951.

Production of textile yarn has been substantially increased in recent months, and the production of tire yarn has been reduced somewhat by the reconversion of some spinning machines from the production of tire yarn to textile yarn.



September 24, 1952

President.

Comparative Statement of Net Sales and Net Income

	Thirty-six Weeks Ended September 7, 1952	Ended September 9, 1951
Net sales	\$41,082,064	\$38,937,107
Cost of goods sold, depreciation, selling and administrative expense . . .	31,239,489 9,842,575 158,205 <u>10,000,780</u>	29,016,690 9,920,417 145,235 <u>10,065,652</u>
Other income net of deductions . . .		
Income before taxes		
Provision for income taxes:		
Federal: Normal tax and surtax . .	4,965,011	4,872,262
Excess profits tax	423,129	258,676
State	438,259 <u>5,826,399</u>	447,808 <u>5,578,746</u>
Net income	<u>\$ 4,174,381</u>	<u>\$ 4,486,906</u>
Net income per share	\$3.73	\$4.01
Income taxes per share	\$5.21	\$4.99

The above statement is subject to audit and adjustment.



TEXTILE MAINTENANCE "A" UNIT, above, under Foreman Dewey Styles, celebrated Oct. 8 its 11th year without a disabling injury. Textile Maintenance "B," under Foreman C. A. Fletcher, celebrated 6½ years of similar safety on Oct. 15.

The Stork Club



Since the last VOICE 23 Enka employee families have reported additions to their household. This number equals last month's report . . . so status quo prevails. Congrats to both youngsters and oldsters.

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Mrs. Marjorie Hale, Slashing, son, Edward Rudean, May 12.

Mrs. Marion Bates, Coning, son, Larry Gene, June 8.

Fred W. Green, Maintenance, son, Carroll Eugene, July 5.

Andrew D. Love, Research, son, Arthur Patrick, Sept. 11.

Ralph M. Armstrong, Jr., Chemical Lab, son, Ralph M. Armstrong, III; Sept. 14.

C. C. Boone, Maintenance, son, Douglas Richard, Sept. 15.

C. N. Saunders, Jr., Cafeteria, son, C. N. Saunders, III; Sept. 21.

Jack Williamson, Instrument Shop, daughter, Dianne, Sept. 21.

Herbert Norris, Pot Spinning, daughter, Sharon Ann, Sept. 23.

Mrs. Wilma Blankenship, Textile Lab, daughter, Barbara Ann, Sept. 28.

C. Levi, Chemical, son, Jerry Millender, Sept. 29.

Norman Sensing, Pot Spinning, daughter, Marsha Ann, Oct. 2.

James Medford, Finishing, son, Mark Daniel, Oct. 4.

Mrs. Aileen F. Rice, Textile Lab, daughter, Joy Suzanne, Oct. 4.

W. H. Sessler, Research, daughter, Margaret Whitsett, Oct. 4.

Donald R. Sluder, Spinning, daughter, Jennifer Diana, Oct. 7.

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J. L. Honeycutt, Lacquer, daughter, Judy Darlene, March 24.

R. C. Parker, Spinning, daughter, Rhonda Yvonne, July 15.

George R. Hurley, Spinning, son, Robert Craig, Sept. 1.

A. B. Patty, Jr., Chemical, son, A. B. Patty, III; Sept. 5.

George W. Lee, Textile, daughter, Teresa Sue, Sept. 6.

Glenn S. Coward, Drafting, daughter, Janet Lynn, Sept. 13.

Marvin R. Stuffle, Warehouse, son, Denis Harrold, Sept. 15.



NEW UNIFORMS for Lowland women arrived Oct. 16 from the dressmaker. Ima Susong, Dora Sue Hurst (back to camera), and Hershel Sunderland discuss the changes in the uniform which make it more comfortable and dressy.

Cupid's Corner



"A supreme love, a motive that gives a sublime rhythm to a woman's life, and exalts habit into partnership with the soul's highest needs is not to be had where and how she wills; to know that high imitation, she must often tread where it is hard to tread, and feel the chill air, and watch through darkness."

—George Eliot.

Leap Year nearly has leaped. Those

Enka's Annual Report Tops in Rayon Industry

The Annual Report of American Enka for 1951 has been judged the best in the rayon industry by final ratings of the independent board of judges of the *Financial World Survey* of Annual Reports.

The bronze "Oscar of Industry" trophy was presented Oct. 28 to Gaylord Davis, vice-president and treasurer of the Company, at the Annual Awards Banquet in the Grand Ballroom of Hotel Statler, New York.

There were 5000 annual reports considered in this year's international competition, the twelfth in the series of surveys and these were judged in 100 industrial classifications for the "Best of Industry" awards.

of you around the plants who still plan to take advantage of this rare aid to matrimony are warned that only 60 days remain in '52.

To the nine couples whose marriages were reported last month, our sincerest best wishes.

ENKA

Bobby W. Hall, Spinning, and Ruth Riley, Jan. 23.

Lona Owen, Coning, and Foy Reece, Feb. 16.

George W. Clark, Spinning, and Frances Holt, July 10.

Lorenzo Taylor, Slashing, and Ruby Anders, Sept. 12.

Jessie H. Mills, Spinnerette, and Avery J. Bryson, Sept. 20.

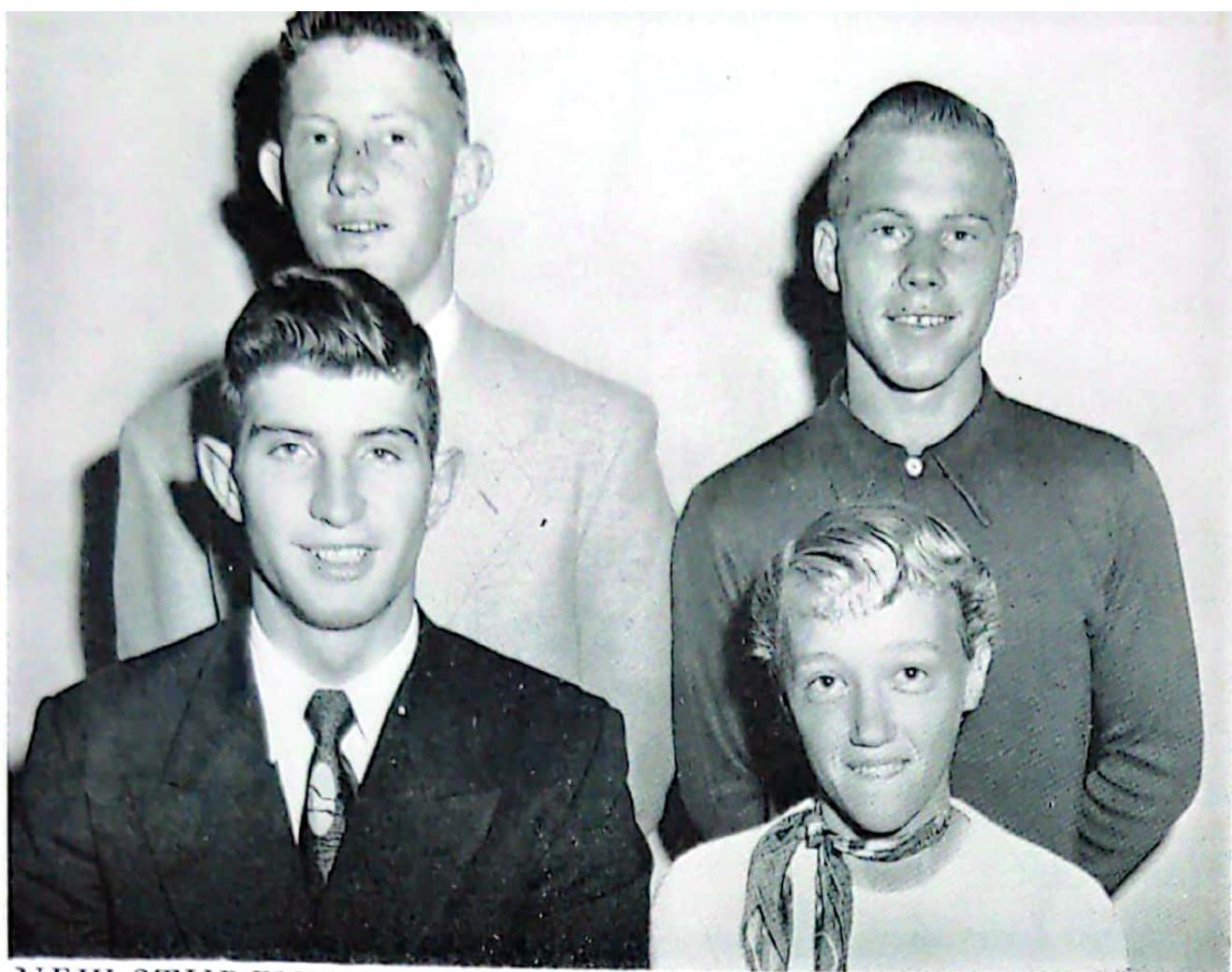
Eugene Morgan, Spinning, and Annaude Smathers, Sept. 25.

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Jimmy J. Thomas, Finishing, and Evelyn Bible, Sept. 6.

Charlie W. Arwood, Yard, and Wilma McMahan, Sept. 20.

James C. Smith, Chemical Lab, and Christine Cross, Sept. 24.



NEW STUDENT GOVERNMENT OFFICERS at Sand Hill High include three children of Enka Plant employees: Miss Pat Goode, daughter of N. E. Goode, Controller's Dept., secretary; Rex Davis, top row, left, son of Jack Davis, Electric Shop, vice-president; and Gene Brown, top row, right, son of Henry Brown, Paint Shop, treasurer. Joe Young, bottom row, left, is the new president.

News on the Half-Shell ...

Luke J. Swanger, husband of Mrs. Ruth Swanger of the Enka Plant Methods Engineering Section, has been awarded the Bronze Star for exemplary conduct in the Rhineland Campaign during World War II.

Next visit of the Bloodmobile at the Enka Plant is Nov. 19. Employees have given more than one ton of blood to date. Let's start on the second ton Nov. 19.

First in a series of displays of Enka Plant employees' hobbies will be Nov. 3-14 in the Library. First will be an exhibit of paintings and artwork by employees. Others will

include photography, stamp and coin collections, crochet and needlework, etc. Be sure to get yours on display. Call Mrs. Beumer (235) for further information.

W. W. Abbott and Herman W. Goforth, Lowland Plant employees, have been awarded 10-year service pins.

4-H Club Members and FFA chapters will compete Nov. 12 and 13 for more than \$550 in prize money at the Western North Carolina Fat Stock Show and Sale at the Hominy Valley Horse and Hound Club pavilion near Enka.

Filtering, Sewing, and Testing At Lowland

*The VOICE Takes
A Peek Into An
Important Section
Of Lowland's
Spinning and
Finishing Dept.*

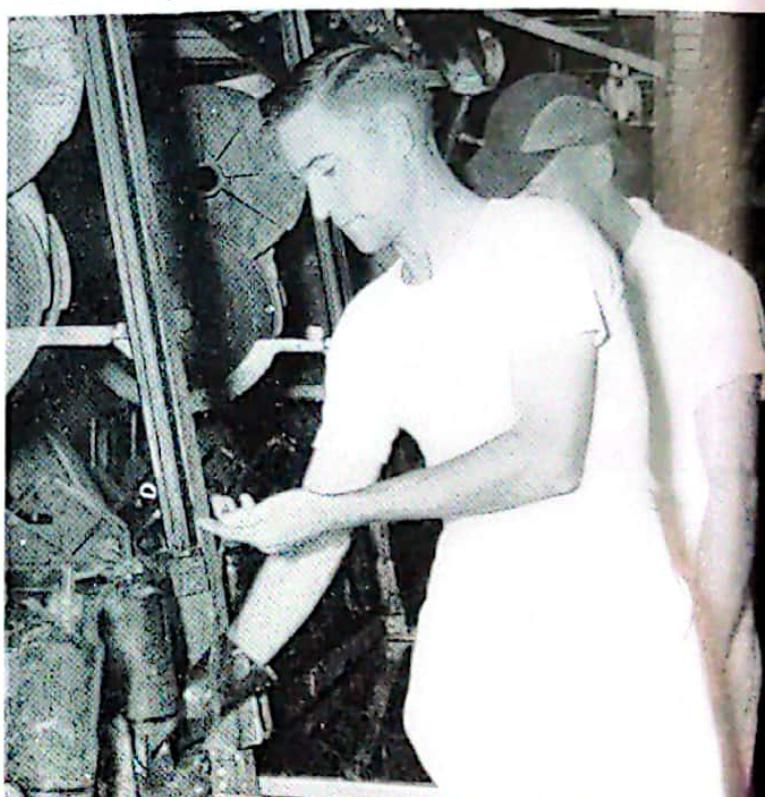
KEEPING the spinning machines in good clean running condition, cutting and sewing cloth items for production purposes, and otherwise aiding output of Enka's high quality rayon yarn . . . are the jobs of the Candle Filter, Sewing Room, and Pump Testing Section at Lowland.

It takes a lot of people working together harmoniously to carry out these tasks. Pictorially this month the VOICE gives you some idea of the functions of this important section of the Spinning and Finishing Dept.



WHEN A SPINNING Machine is first stopped and the spinning points are pulled for filtering and cleaning, they must be tested. Martin Talley uses the stopwatch, assisted by Glen Day.

CHECKING THE QUANTITY of viscose in the graduate is part of the pump test. Assistant Foreman Robert Chapman reads the results to Glen Day.





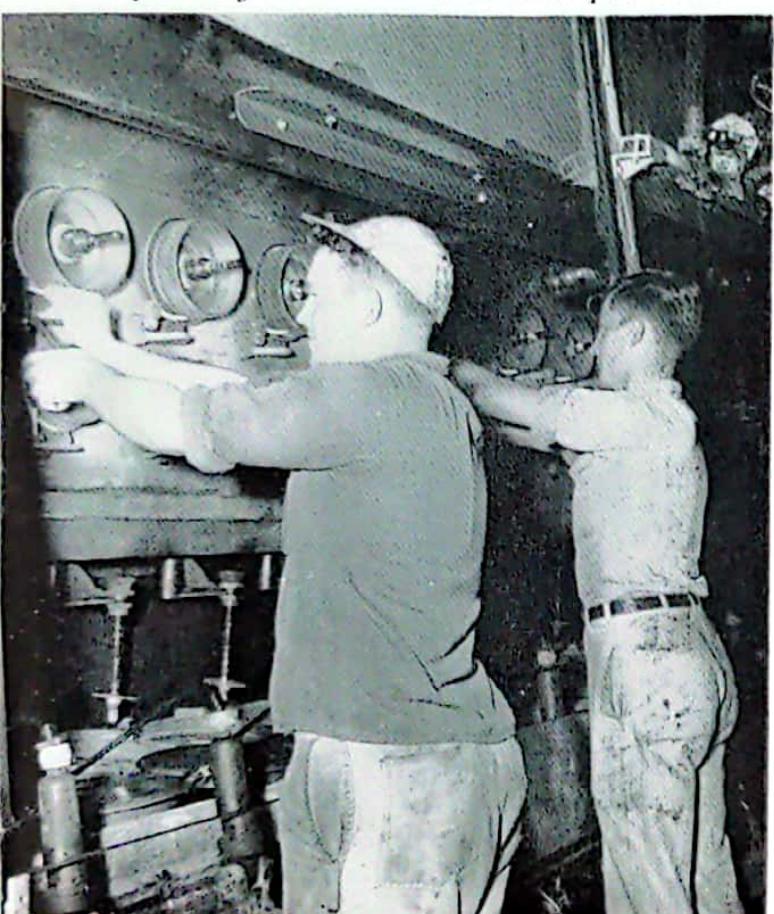
STRIPPING THE MACHINE is next. Removing tubes, filters, and thread guides are, left to right: A. J. French, Paul Fine, and Woodrow Smith.

HERMAN HOLDWAY and Bill Crider put on clean guides, filters and other materials before putting the spinning machine back into production.



MACHINE WASHING, steaming, and general cleaning is the job of, front to back: Joe Brewer, Warren Shaver, Richard Ford, and Arlie Ramsey.

WASTE ACCUMULATES after machines are filtered. J. C. Holdway and Albert Hipshire clean out such waste from a water trench.

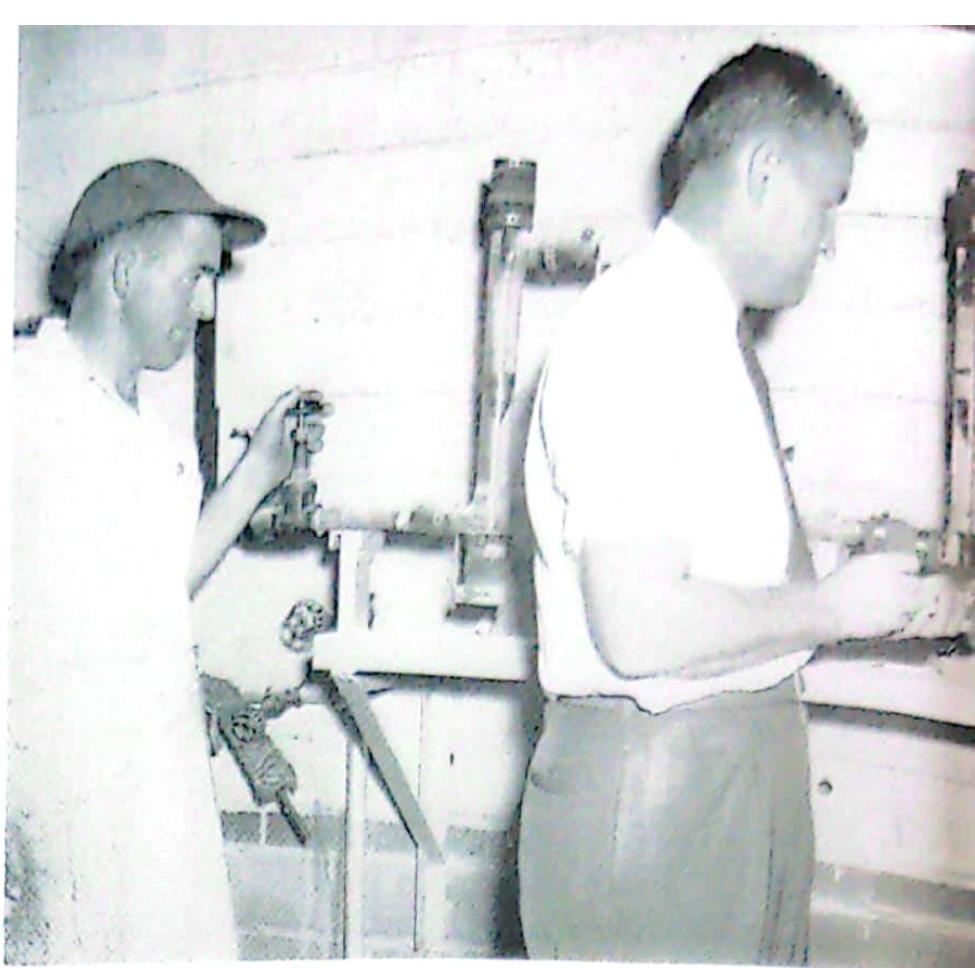




H. J. MARSHALL
gauges and inspects spinning pots before they are returned to a machine.



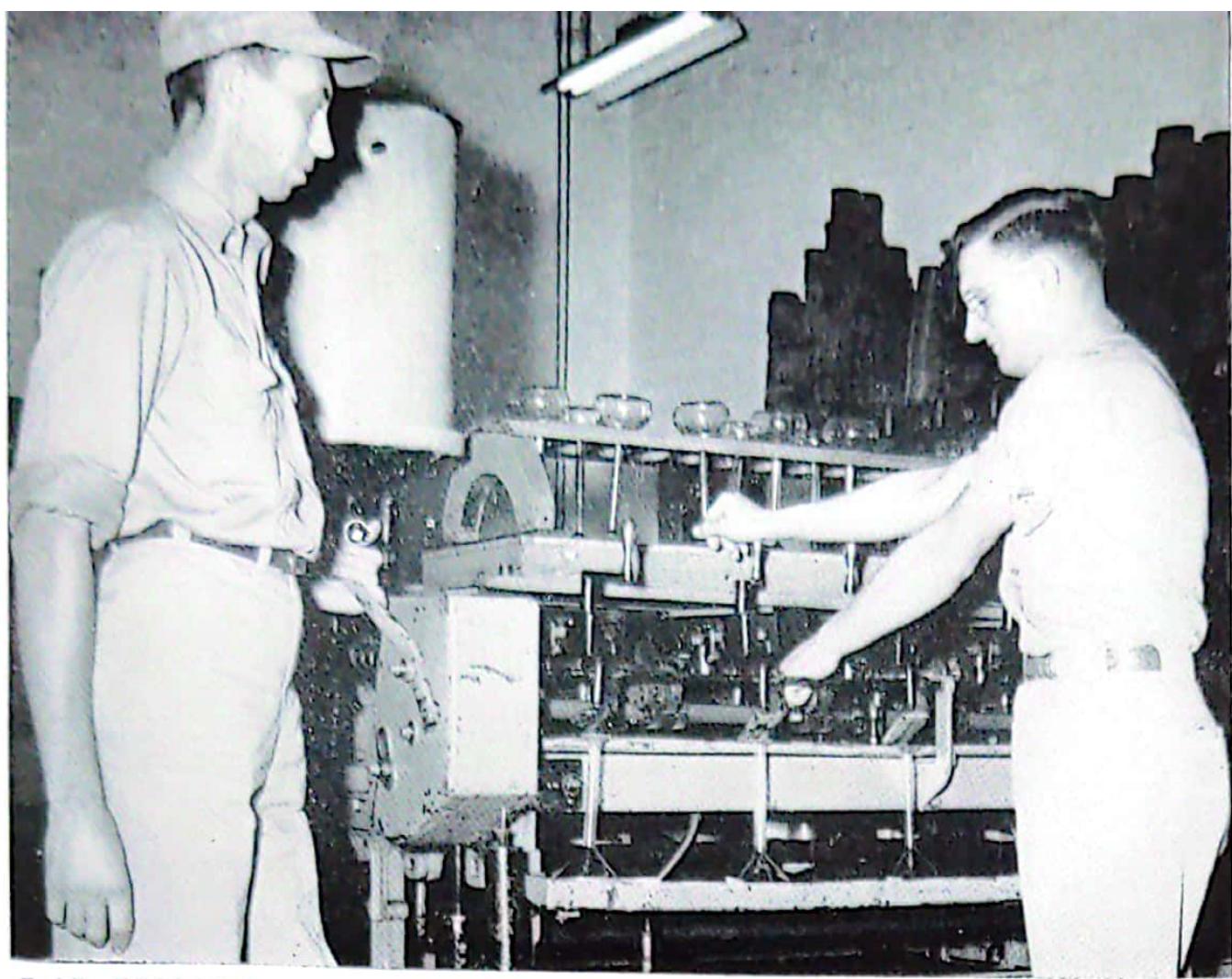
HOMER STOUT disassembles a dirty filter for cleaning.



ROTOMETERS maintain an even flow of chemicals to the spinning machine. If they are calibrated incorrectly, inferior yarn results. Hubert Reneau is checking the flow of liquid, while Foreman Bill Conder makes a reading.

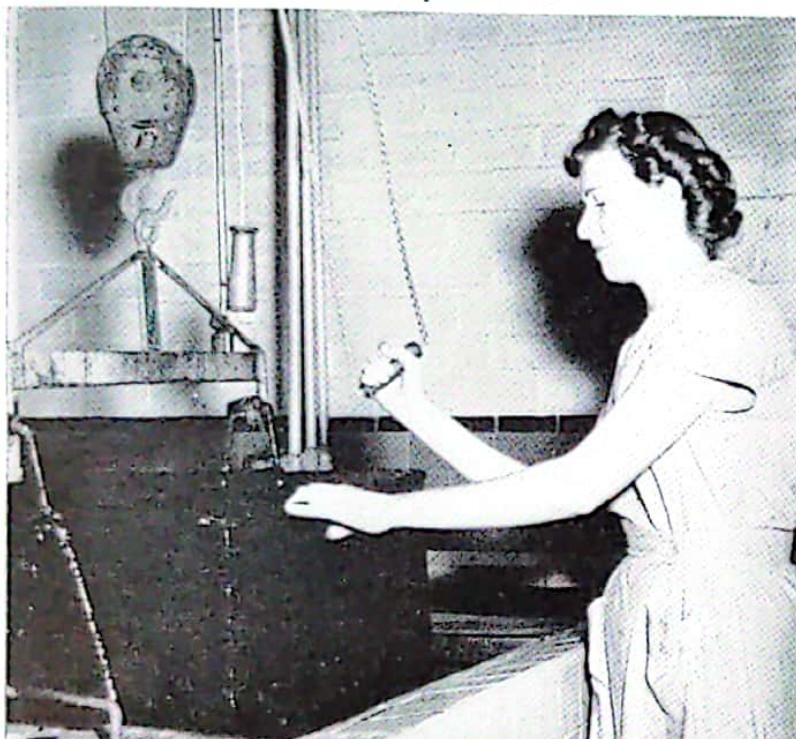
GIVING THE SPINNING TUBES their first cleaning in a water bath is Barnard Jarnagin.



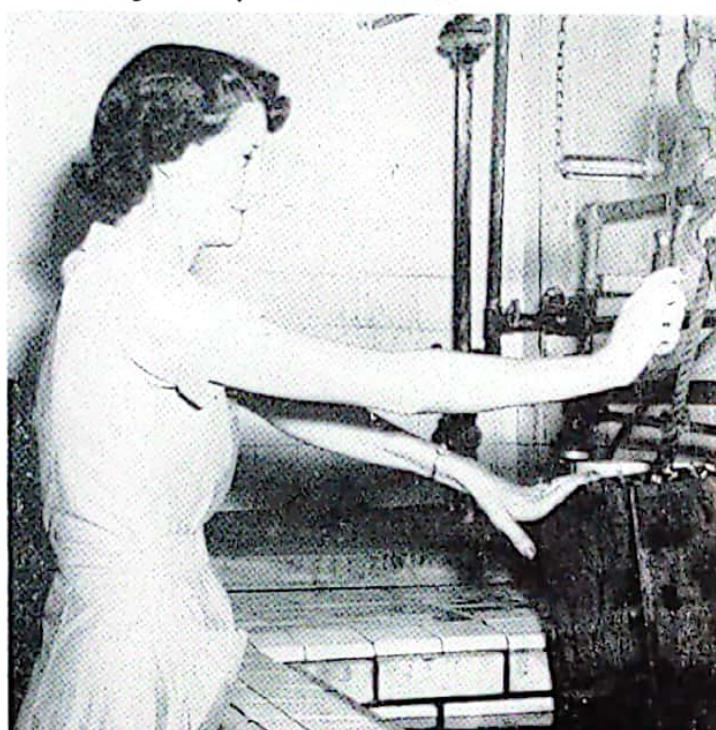


BAD PUMPS are repaired and tested in the Pump Repair Shop before being returned to service. Lyman Foster, left, and Ellis Johnson use oil in checking these reworked pumps.

AFTER CANDLE FILTERS have been disassembled and given their first cleaning, they are cleaned in a chemical solution. Vella Caldwell is preparing to soak a basket of candles.



THREAD GUIDES, rollers, etc., also must be cleaned. Hazel Justice dips these items in a different chemical bath than was used for cleaning the filter candles.



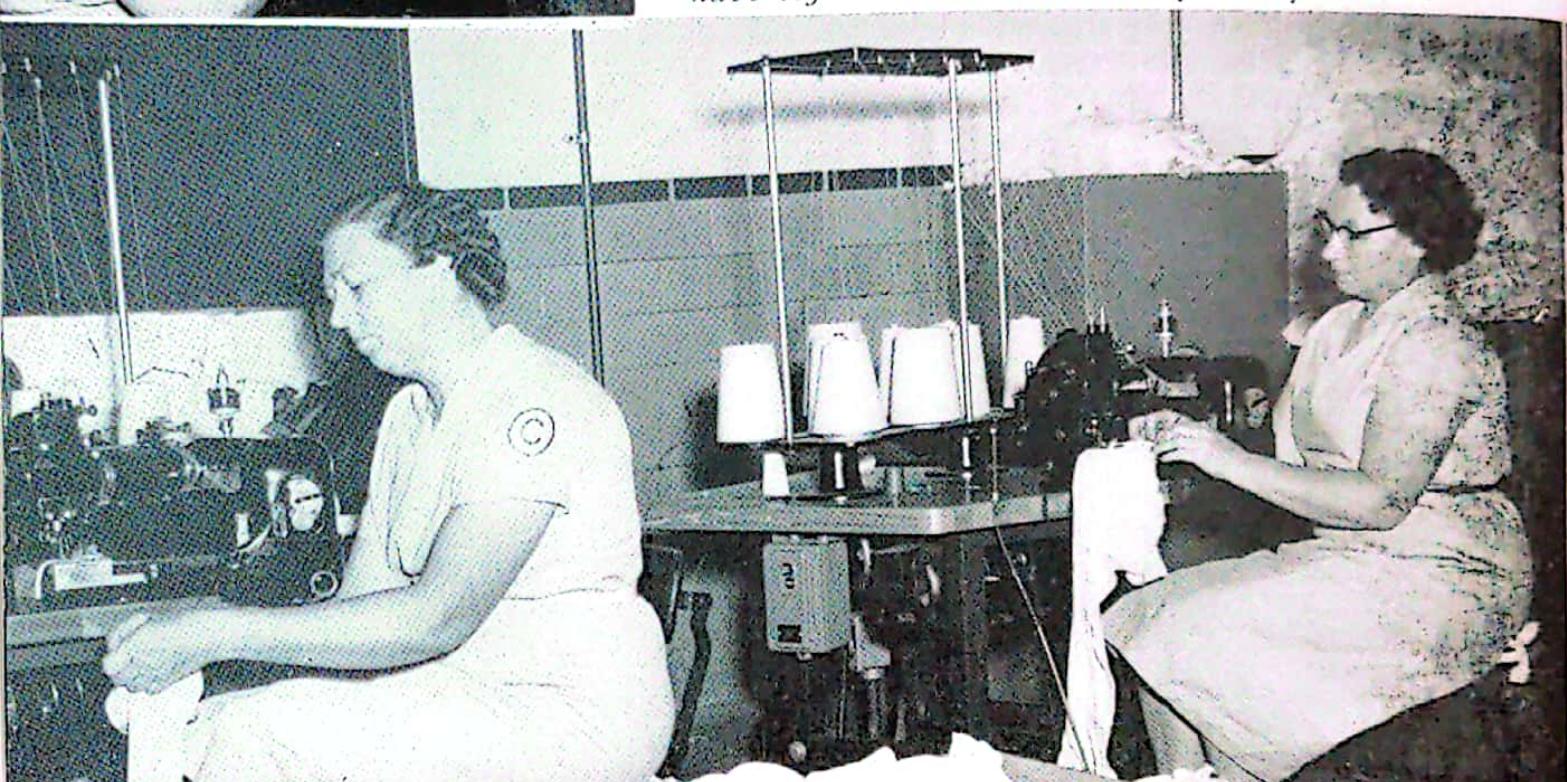


ABOVE: *Vella Caldwell, right, tightens rewrapped and assembled candle filter units, and Hershel Sunderland applies air pressure to a unit as it soaks in water.*



LEFT: *Rachel Ray polishes spinning machine rollers—necessary before they are returned to a machine.*

BETWEEN: *Pearl Day, left, and Mary Sullivan keep cake socks in good repair with these complicated sewing machines which have eight needles and nine spools of thread.*





HAZEL AND BERYL
*Justice of the Sewing Room
cut out and make Chemical
Dept. filters.*



BERYL JUSTICE also sews candle filter bags. Mrs. Maude Samples, forelady, inspects one before sending it to the Finishing Dept.

RECORDS of all the operations in the Candle Filter, Sewing Room, and Pump Testing Section are essential. Clerk John W. Moore is responsible for keeping these records accurate and up-to-date.





THESE ARE THE SIX second-graders who brought pets to the show. Left to right: Mike Austin, puppy, "Cicero"; Fred Kirkpatrick, rabbit, unnamed; Becky Holcombe, squirrel, "Chippy"; Tommy Ray Clark, cat, "Churchy"; Steve Merrill, goldfish; and LeRoy George, rabbit, "Hoppy." Tommy and Steve are sons of Enka employees.

No Business Like Show Business!

Oct. 15 for second-graders of Sand Hill Elementary School near Enka proved to be a lesson in practical economics as well as a day of excitement and fun.

Under the guidance of their teacher, Mrs. Evelyn Weir, the 36 children from 9:30 a. m. to 2 p. m. held a pet show in their classroom to raise money for paints, games, and records.

These little 7-year-olds arranged and handled the entire shebang. They made their own tickets and at five cents apiece raised \$7.45 in advance of the show.

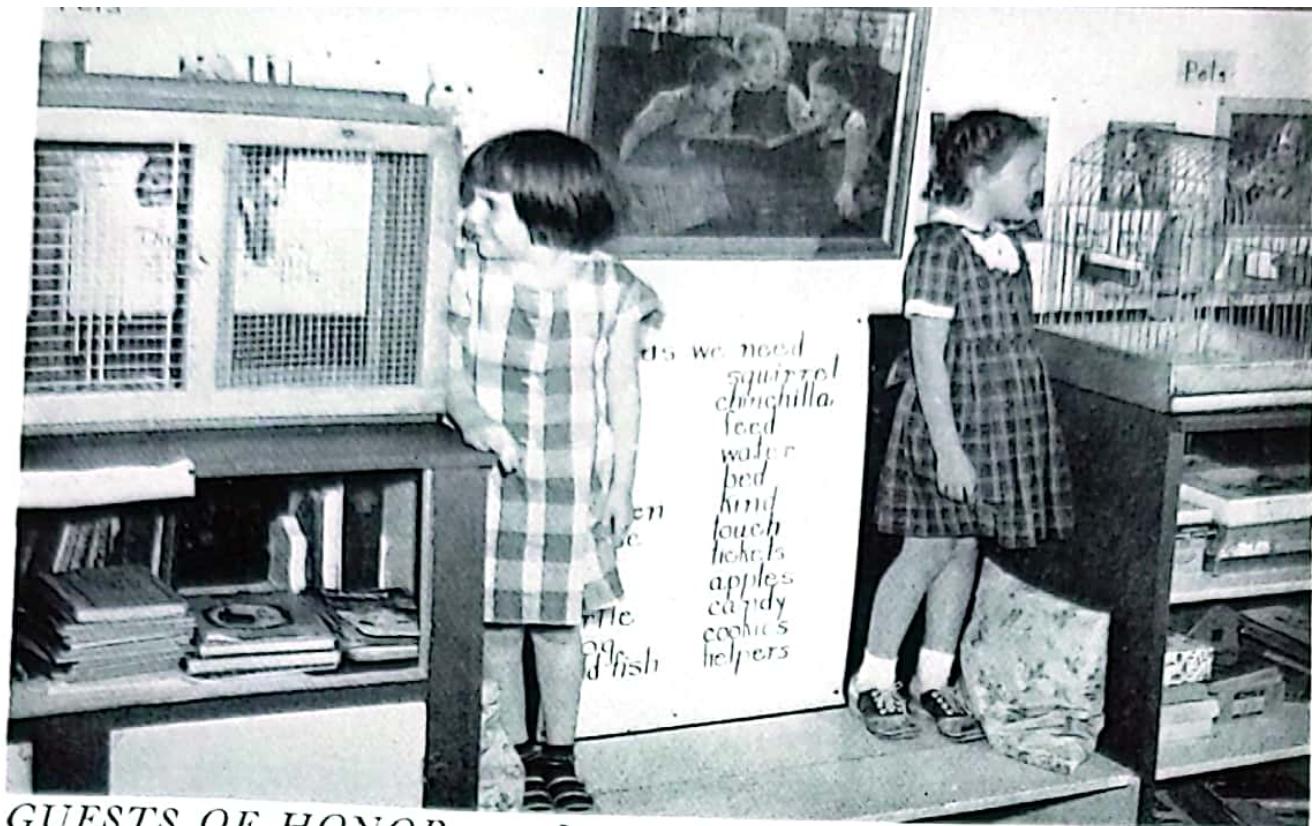
On the day of the event they sold ice cream, candy, and other food. In

all these business transactions they took charge of the money and made their own change.

Six of the kids brought pets—rabbits, puppies, goldfish, cats—and the rest of the class did committee work.

Days before the show Mrs. Weir's lessons centered on care of pets. Stories and music were built around the pet show and by Oct. 15 the little guys and gals had a pretty good conversational knowledge of pets.

The VOICE, pleased to find school children learning in their early years the value of money and the reward of initiative, salutes Mrs. Weir and her enterprising small fry.



GUESTS OF HONOR . . . Jeannie Lyons, left, looks at a chinchilla and Malvary Morris watches a parrot—pets contributed to the show by outsiders. Miss Ruth Rich, county speech teacher, sent the parrot; the chinchilla, two months old, was brought by Mrs. James H. Smith of Biltmore, N. C.

THESE ARE THE SECOND-GRADERS who sold ice cream and food at the show. Mrs. Weir, their teacher, is at the upper left.



Enka Profile

'Ball' of Fire

HE once got a trophy for shooting the most bull on the bowling alleys of the Enka Plant League.

But, as he explained it, "Heck, the more fun, the better the game. You've got to keep the spirit up or the undertaker might move in."

The guy behind these sentiments is Jess Ball, a veritable "ball of fire" if you like a pun . . . a darn nice guy with a quick smile and a refreshing sense of humor if you don't.

The 58-year-old Enka Plant millwright is a man of diverse interests . . . interests that run the gamut from fishing to music.

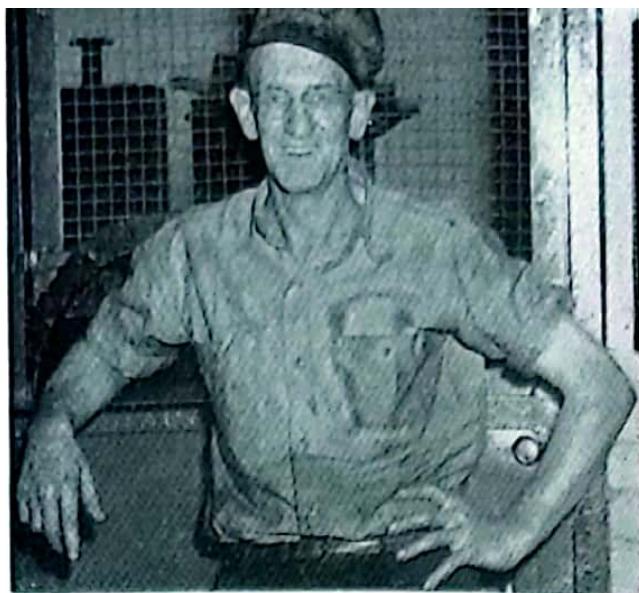
During fishing season he takes off week-ends for Davidson or Big Snow Bird River and gives the trout a fit.

Jess is a hunter, too. As a matter of fact, he's a hunter's hunter, having notched on his artillery several deer and a bear. He bagged the bear—a 300-pound Blackie—in Sherwood Forest a few years back.

Jess learned to play the violin from his father and before reaching his teens was fiddling away—as Jess calls it—at dances in four counties—Madison, where he was born, Buncombe, Haywood, and Transylvania.

On the bowling lanes Jess rolls for the Enka Fire Department. He took up the game only a few years ago when the plant league was launched . . . and even though his reputation for bull may overshadow his average . . . he has a creditable 213 game under his belt.

When he retires Jess plans to be a Private Investigator, having completed courses from a Chicago corres-



Jess Ball

ponding school in police photography, investigation, and fingerprinting.

Jess, who also is a director of the Enka Credit Union, likes a joke now and then and for one he pulled a long time ago he has become known among his friends who know about it . . . as the "cattle rustler."

Jess crept into a neighbor's barn one night and removed his friend's prize milk cow. He tied her to a tree in a distant pasture and went home to await developments.

Next morning his friend came breathlessly to Jess's door, gasping, "Jess you gotta help me find my cow—somebody's done took her off."

Jess said sure, sure—be glad to help. The two looked and looked and looked. Finally, with no inkling from Jess, who scarcely was able to control himself through it all, they came upon the poor lost animal.

Just at that time, however, a truck on a nearby road was pulling off. Jess's neighbor looked up and snorted, "Well I'll be *')&\$%&! See those dirty %()* in that truck there? They had Old Blossom tied to this tree and were fixin' to cart her off."

And Jess—well, he still rumbles from the pit of his stomach when he talks about it.

SPORTS & RECREATION

Dick Groat's Duke All-Stars to Open Home Basketball Season of Rayonites

Dick Groat's Duke All-Stars, featuring the great All-American basketball and baseball player, will provide the opposition in the opening home game of the 1952-53 cage season for the Enka Rayonites.

Groat will bring his star-studded contingent to the Enka Gymnasium for the lid-lifter on Saturday night, Nov. 29.

This game will start the Rayonites on a 26-game schedule which includes 12 Dixie League contests and which ends with the annual league tourney here Feb. 19, 20, and 21.

Groat will be making his first Western North Carolina appearance and will bring with him an array of cage talent which should give Sam Patton's crew a real test in its initial game.

Groat is one of few athletes to attain All-American selection in two sports. He is back at Duke to complete his studies although his collegiate eligibility has expired.

Although many pro basketball teams were seeking his services, Groat decided to cast his lot in baseball and was signed to a Pittsburgh Pirate contract. He went directly from the

Duke campus to the Bucs' shortstop post and held on to this position much of the 1952 season.

During his four-year basketball career with the Blue Devils, Groat scored 2087 points and had a 99-game average of 21.1 per game. Last year he rimmed the hoop for 780 points and was named to every major All-American selection.

Candidates for the Enka team began practice Oct. 27 and have four weeks to prepare for the first game.

Prospects at this time appear to be bright—with a better team expected than last year.

Several players from last year's squad have departed, but a number of promising newcomers have been added to the roster.

Missing from the 1951-52 team are Marion Hales, Gus Colagerakis, and Dusty Rhodes. Hales is now in the Army, while Little Gus is awaiting his call. An old ankle injury has sidelined Rhodes.

New material includes Tunney Brooks, Joe Conner, Ed Brinkley, J. L. Mashburn, and John Pirich.

Brooks was captain of the Wake

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*Duke's Dick Groat—
Double All-American*



"THE LITTLE BROWN JUG," symbolic of the golf championship in the series between the Enka and Lowland Plants, rests on the desk of Lowland Plant Manager Jan Heykoop who points to Lowland's victory of 1952. The VOICE last month incorrectly reported that the Enka Plant golfers had won the "jug" for the third year in a row.

Firemen Take Enka Plant Bowling Lead

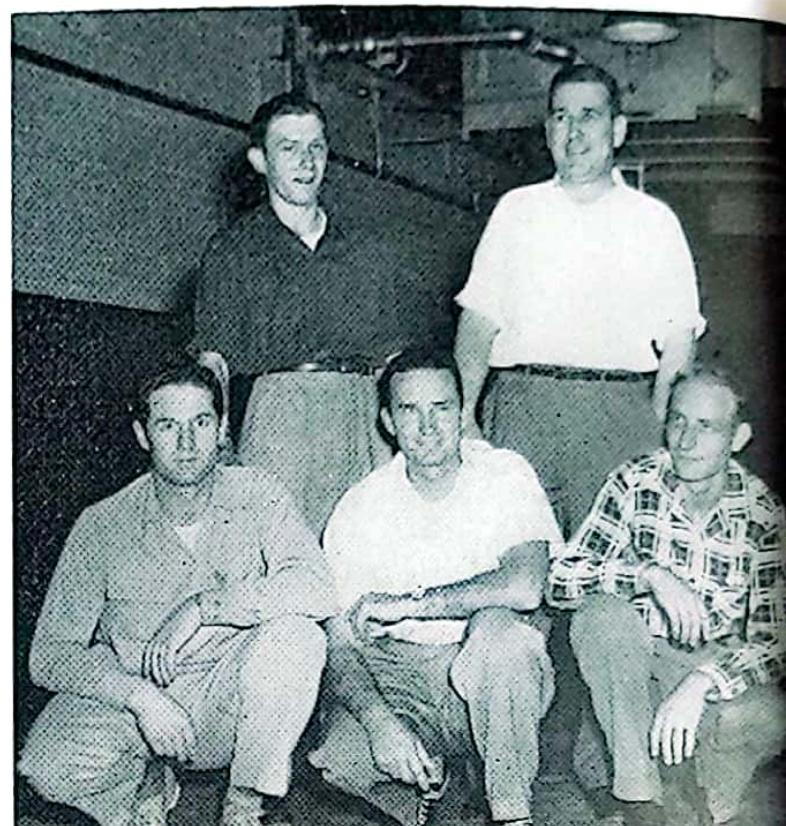
The Fire Department bowlers are off to a first month lead in the Enka Plant Bowling League.

The blaze-chasers have annexed victories in 10 of their first 12 matches.

In second place is the Industrial Engineers team which has won eight of 12 conflicts.

The high game to date is Lane King's 247, and the high set of 687

was rolled by Harold Shoemaker. Safety Dept. claims the high team game of 990 and high set of 2783.



OFF TO A GOOD START in the Enka Bowling League is the Industrial Engineers' team which won eight of its first 12 matches. Kneeling, left to right: Guy Queen, Harold Shoemaker, and Houston Blackwell. Standing: Jack Clark and Phil McKinney.



TROPHIES RECENTLY WERE PRESENTED to winners in Lowland's Plant Softball League. Frank Roberts, left, holds the Spinning "D" regular season championship award. League Commissioner Bill Conder is next in line. Sam Patty, Chemical "D" manager and Max Bible jointly share the playoff trophy. Floyd Rose, Millwrights Manager, displays the playoff runner-up award. Recreation Director Zeno Wall is at far right.

Chemical 'D' Captures Softball Playoffs

Chemical "D" Shift, managed by Sam Patty, has been crowned playoff champion in the Lowland Softball League series which ended recently.

The playoff champs finished the regular season in third place with a 12-5 standing.

In the O'Shaughnessy playoff, which was double elimination, Chemical "D" was defeated at the outset by Building Maintenance, 7-6. However, they came back strong to defeat Pipe Shop, 9-3, and then trimmed Spinning "D," 7-4.

They continued to advance by defeating Building Maintenance 12-6 and moved into the finals. In the finals they met and defeated the Millwrights 7-4 and 11-4 in a pair of

contests.

The sixth team competing in this year's exciting playoffs was Chemical "B."

Company Bowlers Improve

Last month was a good one for the Enka bowling teams. The men's team of the W. N. C. Ten Pin League moved up the ladder into sixth place with a 14-16 record. Lane King leads the team with a 179 average.

The girls team of the Asheville Women's League has won eight of its last nine matches for a current 12-12 mark. They stand sixth in the 12-team loop.

Teen-Agers' Cage Season To Open at Enka Nov. 10

Athletic Director Sam Patton announces that "sign-up" day for the winter basketball program for youngsters will be at the Enka Gym Monday, Nov. 10, at 5 p. m.

Both girls and boys will register at that time.

Soon afterwards, leagues for both girls and boys will be formed, with play expected to begin the latter part of November.

All girls and boys under 16 years of age who are attending school have been invited by Patton to take part.

Parents of those taking part do not have to be employed by American Enka.

A THIRD PLACE FINISHER during the regular season, the Chemical "D" softballers walked off with top bunting in the Lowland Plant League playoffs, defeating the Millwrights in the finals. Sitting, left to right: Travis Marcum, Glen Emmert, Leon Moore, Alonzo Drake, Walter Shell, James Ricker, Johnny McGaha, and Grady Hardin. Back row: Manager Sam Patty, "Luke" Easterly, and Max Bible.

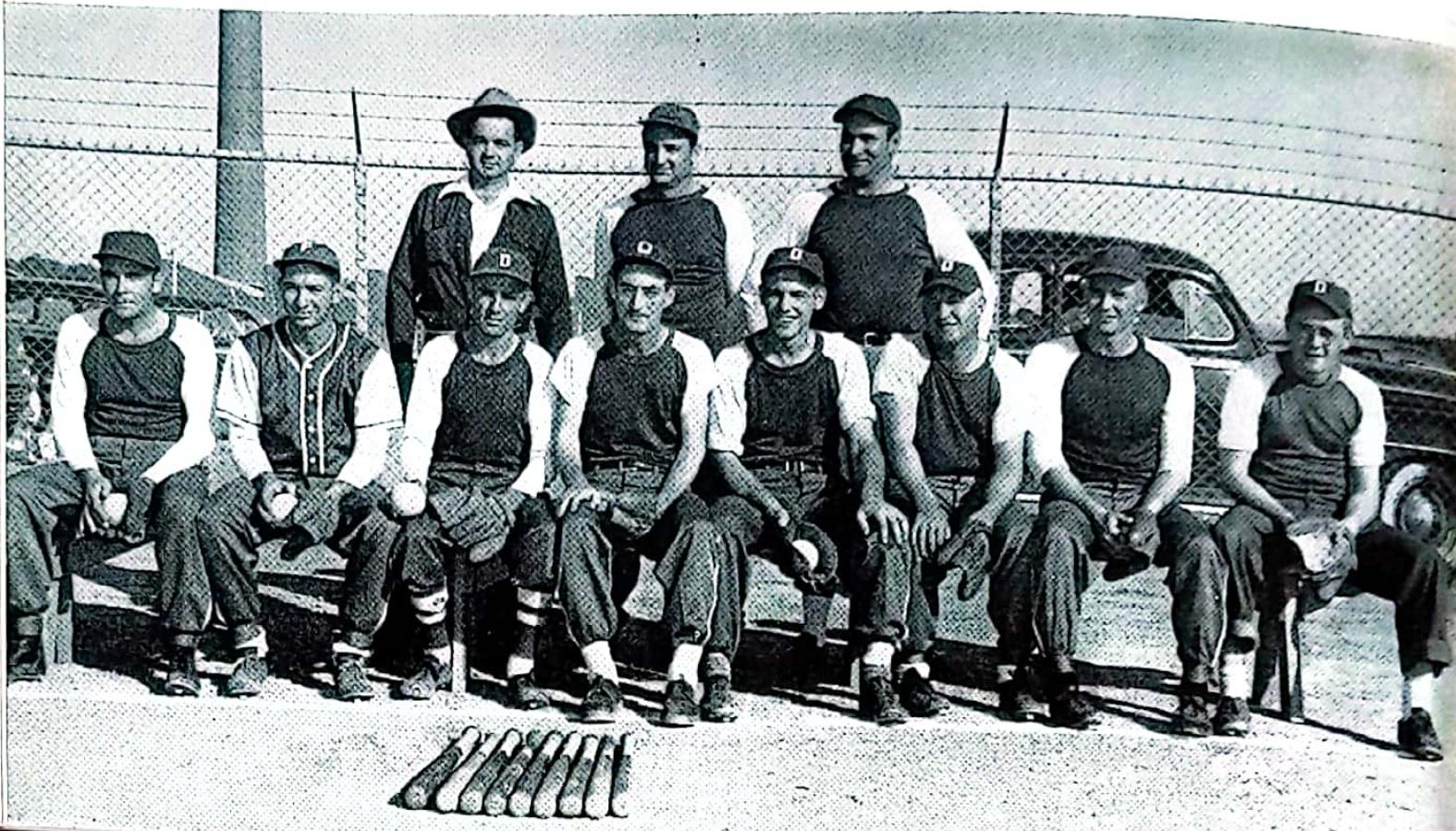
Dick Groat's All-Stars Coming to Enka Nov. 29

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Forest College team last year. Conner played on the fast Fort Benning, Ga., army team and is an ex-Sand Hill star. Brinkley was a Sand Hill standout last season, while Mashburn was a stellar performer with the Candler Bobcats. Pirich played at Clarkston Tech.

Back from the old guard are Deran Walters, George Lancaster, Will Kaylor, Dick Gudger, Joe Volrath, Ebb Williams, Fred Brendell, and Coach Patton.

Four colleges — Wake Forest, Clemson, Furman, and Western Carolina—appear on the Enka slate.



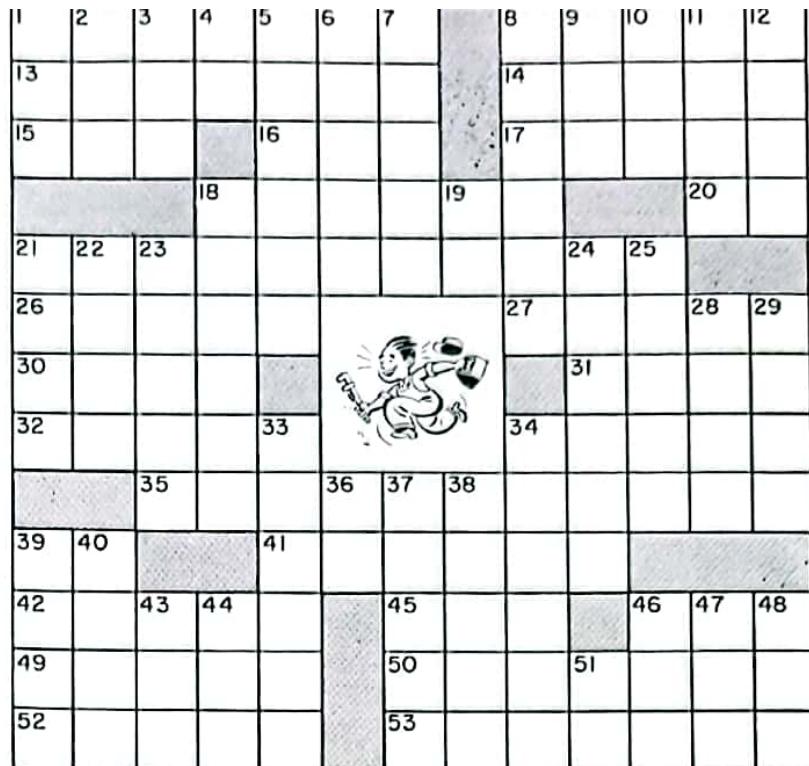
Plant Puzzler

ACROSS

- One of General Shops Unit
- Dyer, Auto Repair Shop employee
- G. H. _____, in charge of Salvage Shop
- Open air theater
- Used to make archer's bow
- Vegetable
- Grades
- One who leases
- Exclamation
- Maintenance is a section of Plant _____ Dept.
- Swallows
- Past Part. French verb sortir
- Margarine
- Peruse
- Bangs
- Dilate
- This section performs a vital role in the installation, upkeep, and repair of production machinery and equipment
- Dad
- Bill _____, Paint Shop employee
- Steel unit
- Beverage

Last Month's Answer

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ACROSS

- Snake
- Rhea _____, Sheet Metal Shop employee
- Polish dance
- Go in
- Stenographer's duplicating equipment

DOWN

- Watcher
- Part of verb to be
- Inferior
- Versus (ab.)
- Poplars
- Kind of poultry (pl.)
- Rub out
- Ralph _____, Textile Maintenance "B"
- Pray
- Male employees
- Maker of high quality rayon yarn
- Daring
- Fatty tumor
- Correlative
- Personalities

- Void
- Shine
- Northern European country
- Paul _____, head of Maintenance section
- Ingredient of bath powder
- Not working
- Female relative
- Symptom of hay fever
- Nickel (ab.)
- Trolley cars
- Brightness
- Shop where cake bleach cars are overhauled
- Soon
- Obtained
- Native metal
- Electrical discharge
- Winter sports equipment
- Chum
- United Nations

(Answer next month)

turkey shoot!

HOMINY Valley sharpshooters each Saturday last month converged on the Hominy Valley Horse and Hound Club barn to match rifle and shotgun aims for Tom Turkey.

The VOICE visited the Oct. 18 shoot which was sponsored by the Hominy Valley Club itself. Previous matches were under the auspices of the Enka Fire Dept. and Hominy Valley Junior Order.

Each participant buys a target for \$1 and may fire from either the shotgun or rifle line. The closest one to the bull's eye on each go wins a bird.

The matches are proving popular with young and old alike of the area. If you haven't been to one yet, six are scheduled for November—1, 8, 15, 22, 27, and 29.

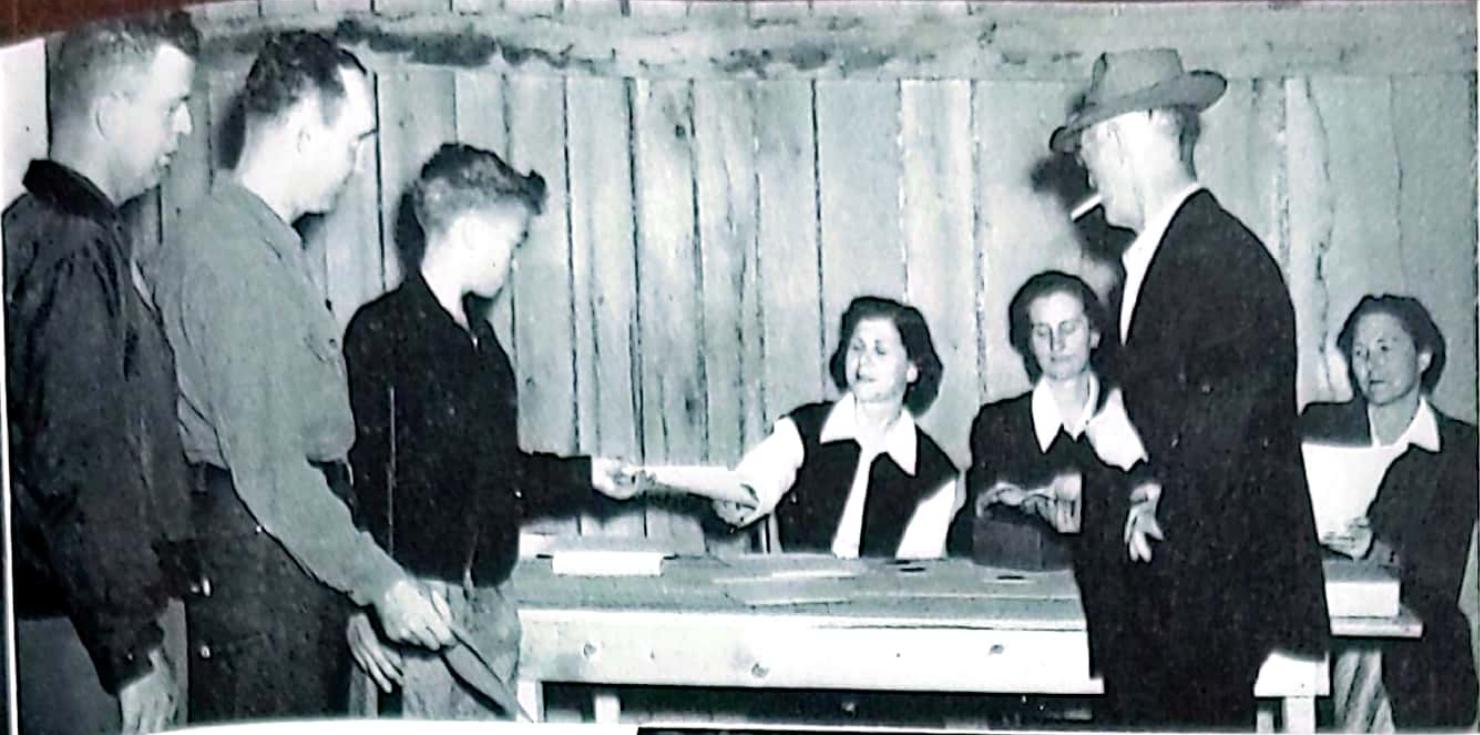
The matches are being held to raise Christmas money for needy people of the Hominy Valley area.

HERSCHELL COLE, second from the left, and Austin Cole, second from the right, tied. They shot over and this time Austin Cole was a hair closer—and a turkey richer.



RALPH GOSNELL steps up to the shotgun line for a blast at the cross-line target. Any gauge shotgun was allowed.



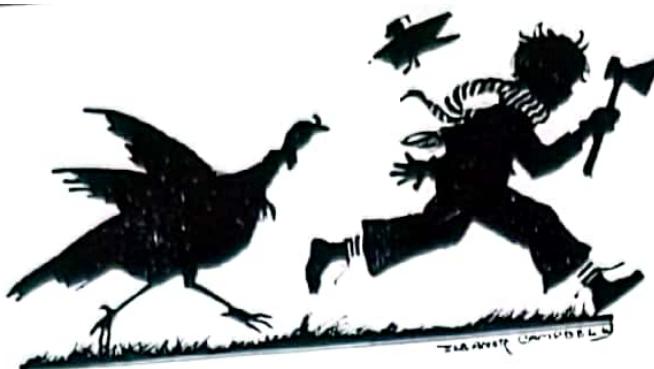


ABOVE: Men and boys alike bought rifle targets. The women, after selling the targets, moved behind the concession stand to sell hotdogs and coffee.

RIGHT: These are what they shot for: 12-14 pound gobblers. The two winners here are Carl Brooks, left, and W. S. Ruckman, Sr.

BELOW: All ammunition was provided by the sponsor. Riflemen were given three .22 shells and could fire at their targets at will.





Small Fry's

Scotch Tape Necklace

Scotch tape and red fingernail polish can be used to make an attractive necklace or bracelet.

A roll of Scotch tape is shown in Fig. 1. Perhaps you have one around the house that Mother will allow you to use for this fun-project. With scissors, snip off a piece of tape

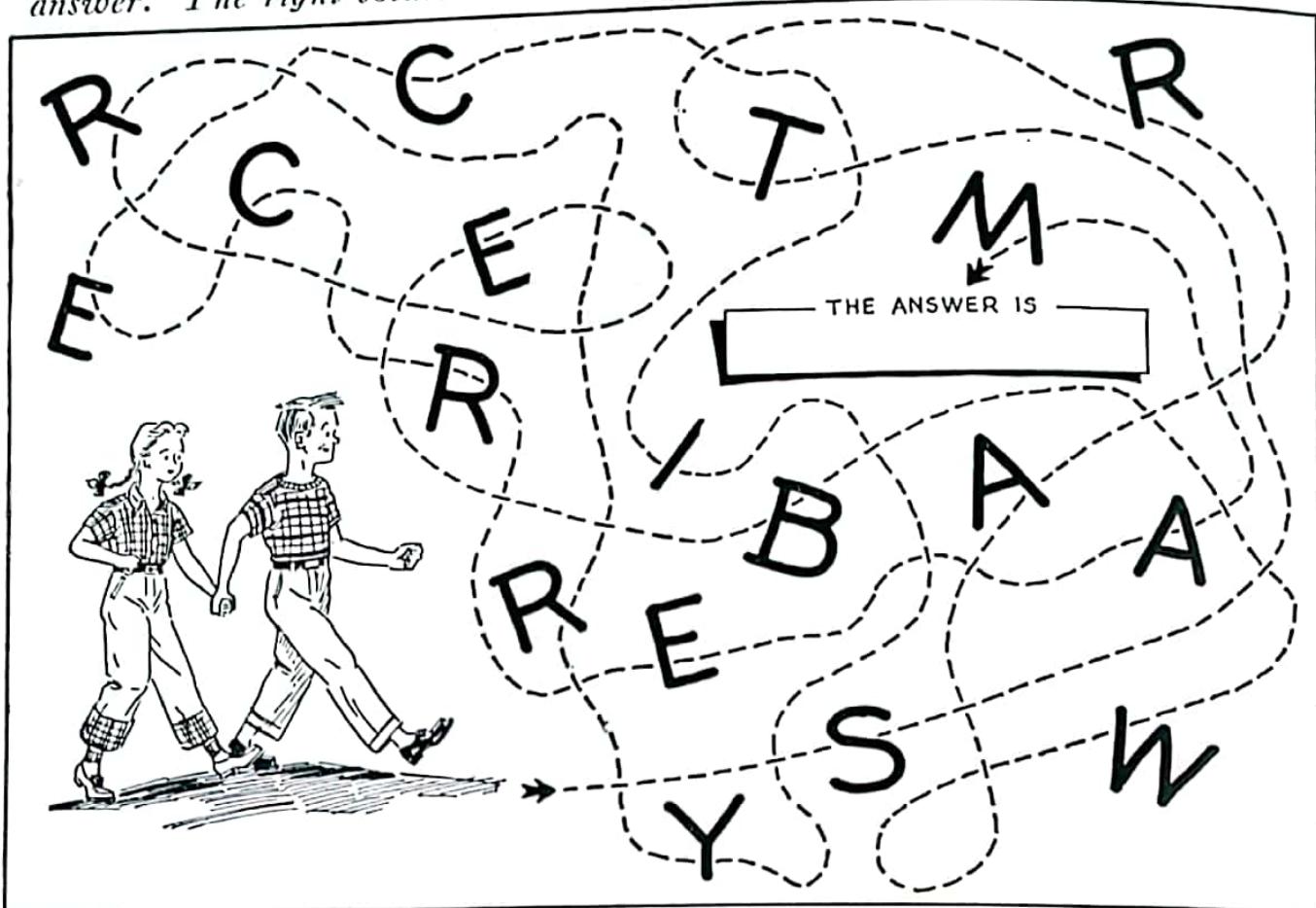
an inch and a half long. Fold over one half inch of it as in Fig. 2 and then proceed to roll it. This will produce a little tube like those in Fig. 3. Each tube is to become a bead in the necklace or bracelet.

When enough tubes have been rolled, apply red nail polish to them, covering one half of each as in Fig. 4.

After the polish has dried you are ready to string the beads. Thread a

Follow the Trail and Spell the Answer

The solution to this puzzle is something good to eat. To discover what it is, follow the trail. As you pass through a letter, print it in the space for the answer. The right solution is elsewhere on Small Fry's Playground.



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Playground

a needle and use it to pierce each tube from one side to the other at the center (Fig. 5). A thimble will help because it takes some pushing to get the needle through the rolled tape.

Draw the thread through the sides of the tube. Add beads in this manner until the necklace has been completed.

A bracelet is made in exactly the

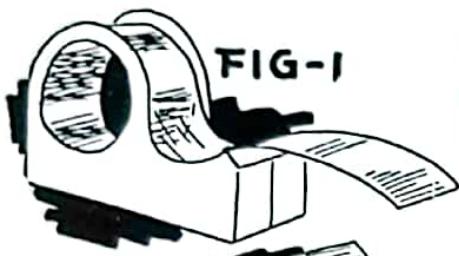


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same way except, of course, that fewer tubes will be necessary. A set consisting of bracelet and necklace will be nice to wear; you may be sure all your friends will want to know how you made it.

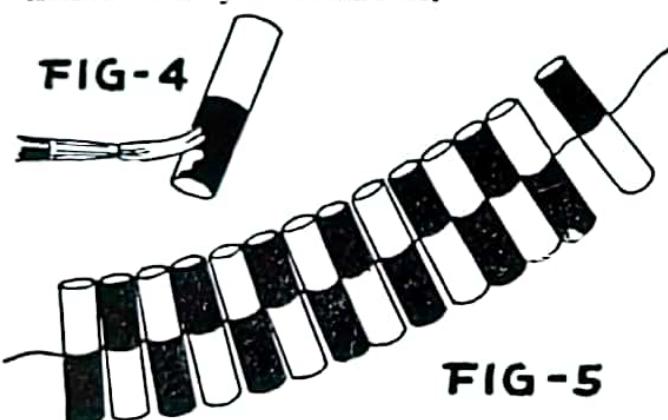


FIG-5

Answer to Puzzle

"Strawberry Ice Cream." The answer to the puzzle is



A Friend in Need

By BILL STERN

Many years ago there lived a poor boy who loved to hunt, not only for sport but also of necessity. One day while out hunting, he found a dog. Its leg was broken. For days he doctored the injured dog, fed and nursed him until the animal recovered. Thus began a curious friendship for thereafter they were inseparable, and always the boy and the dog would go hunting together.

One day the young hunter came across a cave. He entered to explore it, but for some reason, his dog remained outside. Suddenly a huge boulder came crashing down the side of the hill, and rolled up to the mouth of that cave, cutting off the hunter's exit. The frightened boy screamed for help. Sensing his master's danger, the dog raced away for help, barking frantically. Help came and the young hunter was saved.

Thus that dog repaid the hunter's kindness by saving his life. The people of Indiana thought so much of that friendship that they erected a statue in a public square to honor the beauty of the friendship between that young hunter and his dog.

For, in time, that young hunter became the 16th President of the United States: Abraham Lincoln.



FATE OF A FABRIC ... Attractive Mrs. Mary Hamlett of the Enka Plant Spinnerette Dept. browses through some books in the Employee's Library.

Mrs. Hamlett, who has been with American Enka 8½ years, is wearing an afternoon dress by Claire McCordell in Stonecutter's tissue faille—woven with Enka's 75 denier Briglo rayon.

The Distaff Side

thanksgiving dinner tips for part-time homemakers

For Enka women employees homemaking is a part-time job. This need not, however, make holiday meals for the Thanksgiving season any less festive than those of the full-time homemaker.

Of course you will want to take shortcuts, using prepared and pre-packaged foods when possible. And the natural beauty of foods in shape and color will be used to contribute attractiveness to your table that requires no work from you.

The Amazon jungle contributes something new in flavor and texture to turkey dressing in Brazil nut stuffing. This will make your turkey talked about as the best-dressed bird in town.

Brazil nuts have a rich, distinctive flavor and crunchy texture to make dressing really different. Busy homemakers can chop their Brazil nuts by putting them through the food grinder, using the coarse blade.

Here's how to make your Brazil nut stuffing:

3 tablespoons butter or margerine
2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup finely diced celery
1 cup chopped Brazil nuts



CUSHION THE HALF BIRD on Brazil nut stuffing to make the most of turkey for Thanksgiving dinner. Directions for this new stuffing are in this article.

4 cups day-old bread cubes
1 teaspoon salt
 $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon pepper
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon poultry seasoning

Heat butter in large skillet; add onion, celery, and Brazil nuts, and cook over low heat until onion is tender but not brown. Add bread cubes and seasonings. Stir until thoroughly mixed.

This makes a dry crumbly stuffing. If a moist stuffing is desired, add $\frac{1}{3}$ cup water. Yield: Stuffing for a 4-to 5-pound chicken or half turkey. Double recipe for 12-pound turkey.

Another idea embraces the traditional mincemeat pie. You naturally

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QUICKIE MINCEMEAT PIE . . . Pastry mix, prepared mincemeat, and packaged ice cream will remove the work and leave the tastiness of this traditional Thanksgiving pie.

want it perfect, with no soggy under-crust, and you probably will want it a la mode to make no mistake about its festivity.

A clever way to avoid soggy under-crust is to bake pastry triangles separately. With a carton of pre-packaged ice cream in the refrigerator and the pre-baked pastry triangles, mincemeat pie a la mode can be assembled in a jiffy.

Just heat prepared mincemeat, fill the triangles of pastry and top with a slice of pre-packaged ice cream. The ice cream in the block-shaped package is particularly quick and easy for this purpose since it can be sliced to top the pie.

Using this method for mincemeat pie, you can make only as much as you wish for your guests and have no soggy leftovers.

LIFE IN AMERICA

◆ A Chinese visitor to these shores was heard to observe:

"Funny people, you Americans. You take a glass, put sugar in it to make it sweet and lemon to make it sour. Then you put gin in it to make it hot and ice to make it cool. And then you say, 'Here's to you!' and drink it yourself."

"Incomparable Autumn" by G. Spaanbroek ➔



